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CORCORAN, GLOVER, SMITHSON, STEPHENS TAPPED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN TOTOMOI

Alumni News

Tony Edmonds, 1958

On December 27 last some 150 stalwart alumni of the Academy donned overcoat and top hat to attend the annual Alumni dinner. Held this year at the spacious Biltmore Hotel, the get-together proved a smashing success. As I wandered through the fog of smoke and nostalgia, I saw old classmates BILL BARR, EDDIE BENSON, DICK WILLIAMS, and FRED WRIGHT. BILL is presently testing his legal mettle at Vanderbilt Law School. ED finds himself working for Uncle Sam in the enviable capacity of naval officer. ED informs me that he was cruising in the vicinity of Guantanamo Bay during the recent Cuban crisis. DICK is doing work in Business Administration at VU while holding down a job in the Public Relations Department of Clements Paper Company. FRED is pursuing his liberal education at Florida Presbyterian College.

Numerous members of last year's illustrious class were also present and accounted for at the feast. RUSS DILLEY is attending yours truly's Alma Mater, Yale University. I understand that he is playing Fresh Basketball and plans to hurl the foot for the Boole Boole boys. JOE BINKLEY and BILL OZIER, also of the Class of '62 made the long trek down from Vanderbilt to attend.

Passing into the realms of "more ancient history," I saw such notables as BOBBY WOOD, JOHN THORPE, JACK BUTLER, and JAY JOHNS. JAY, incidentally, has joined the most honored profession and is at present teaching English in the Cincinnati school system.

The interesting program, presided over by VADEN LACKEY, president of the Alumni Association, and featuring Jack Green's informative talk on Vanderbilt football prospects, brought to a close the enjoyable evening.

Bits and tidbits—MORGAN KAUSER, '61 has been elected Secretary of the Princeton Debating Club. ED UDEN, '58 is at last report in the vicinity of Pensacola Naval Air Station flying jets. And, GEORGE KIRKPATRICK, '53 and yours truly are back where it all began—on the other side of the teacher's desk at MBA.

The Alumni News, of course, depends on the contributions of the sons of Montgomery Bell. All correspondence, containing pertinent news, may be addressed to Tony Edmonds, Montgomery Bell Academy.

Rifle Team

The M.B.A. Rifle Team, composed of returning members, Lee McKnight, Lou Farrell, Bobby Sholars, Jay Wallace, Mike King, and the team captain David Clark, and new members Bill Bradley, Ed McGavock, Billy Benson, and Doug Beauchamp, is looking forward to a highly successful season this year. Although record firing does not begin until January 22, the team has shown up very well in preliminary sessions.

The Rifle Team, coached by Sergeant Cox of the U. S. Marines, meets on Tuesday at Vanderbilt, and competes in several matches with other Nashville teams throughout the season.

Totomoi

Four members of the senior class were given the highest honor possible for an M.B.A. boy, that of being tapped Totomoi, in assembly. Membership in the honorary society is based on outstanding contribution to the school in the fields of scholarship, athletics, publications, student government, and organization. Each candidate is judged as to the number of points he has in each field. To be a member of Totomoi he must qualify in three or more above fields.

The seniors elected are Tommy Corcoran, John Stephens, Johnny Glover, and Frank Smithson. Corcoran was chosen for service, athletics, student government, and organization. Stephens was chosen for his service in athletics, student government, and scholarship.

The tapping of the new members was presided over by President Jim Daniel who was ably assisted in the tapping department by the only other member, Vice-President Ben Gambill. Another tapping ceremony will be held in the spring of the present year at which time worthy juniors will be chosen to be next year's officers.

Tom Bailey



Debating News

Lee McKnight

For the past two years, Mike Brandon and Mike Moaty have debated together on the M.B.A. varsity debate team. In their first year, along with Morgan Kouser and John Chaffin, the two Mikes were better-than-average debaters, finishing the year with a third place spot in the Mid-South debate tournament held at Vanderbilt.

They returned last year with high ambitions. Debating negatively, Brandon and Moaty captured the Nashville District debate tournament and placed third in the state, a very unusual achievement for such a young team. Again they finished strong, winning the Mid-South tournament with Mike Moaty being elected best negative speaker.

This year Mike and Mike are being hailed by many debate coaches in Nashville as "the team to beat." Thus far, after seven debates, they are undefeated. Their major feat this year lies in their first place victory at the Murfreesboro Invitational Tournament, where they tied for 1st place honor as best negative speaker.

Debate Team

Lloyd McAdams

Traditionally M.B.A. has been well represented in the field of debate and forensics. This year is no exception. Mrs. Norton Campbell's teams are again doing extremely well in the small meets around Nashville in preparation for the Barkley Debate Forum at Emory in Atlanta and the Mid-South at Vanderbilt.

Debating on the topic "That the U.S. should promote a common market for the western hemisphere," Seniors Lee McKnight and Tommy Strohm, the affirmative speakers, won 4 rounds at Litton; Juniors Mike Brandon and Mike Moaty won first place negative honors at Murfreesboro and tied for top negative speaker. Also, Sophomores Norman Carl and Tom Howell ably substituted as affirmative debaters at Murfreesboro and did a commendable job.

Experience should prove to be a needed ingredient for a victorious trip to Emory. The competition is stiff in that the top of the entire South will be present, but this same team which won three and lost two at Emory last year might bring home some more hardware. We wish them luck.

Assembly Speakers

Our first speakers in chapel were two M.B.A. alumni, Johnny Murphree and Ross Evans. They showed a movie about the recipient of the Clinic Bowl funds, the Vanderbilt Physical Therapy Clinic. Here many children and some adults are rehabilitated from such afflictions as polio, arthritis, birth defects, and many, many others. After this interesting film, Mr. Murphree and Mr. Evans encouraged us to sell tickets for the Madison-Brainard game on the Thanksgiving Day.

Our next speaker was Ned Synnor, a dean at Wofford College. He spoke to us about this fine school and about small colleges in general. Wofford is located in South Carolina and has an enrollment of about one thousand. This institution, a small liberal arts college for men, ranks in the class of Davidson, Sewanee, and others. He depicted the several advantages of this sort of school and spoke to interested students afterward.

Bulletin Debate Trips

Last week-end the M.B.A. debate team consisting of Lee McKnight, Tommy Strohm, Mike Brandon, and Mike Moaty participated in the annual Barkley Debate Forum at Emory University in Atlanta.

This tournament was attended by more than 345 students from 54 schools. These students were from Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

The team was second in the point rating for the 42-inch high Major Trophy; it was also second-place winner in the overall debate and negative debate divisions. John Stifter, our only entrant in the Declamation contest, placed second in a field of 104 contestants.

Recently, the debate team participated in the 1963 B.G.A. Invitational Forensic Tournament at Franklin. There were ten Middle Tennessee schools represented in this contest. The M.B.A. team won two awards: the best negative debater award was captured by Mike Moaty, and the combined negative and affirmative teams placed first in the overall tournament.

Mike King

UNDER THE STANDS

Two boys are pressing for starting positions on the varsity squad. Hustling Haynie Gourley whose lanky frame and flowing hair can be seen racing about the court personally destroying the opposition's offense. His cat-like quickness and desire for contact have made him a top Maroon defensive man.

Steve Troutman—A junior attempting to beat out Phil Husband at center. Zeke's massive size and tremendous fight on the boards have made him a rebounding threat. In practice Steve "Star" is often seen tearing rebounds off the boards, leaving the other players covering at his feet.



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7th Grade Intramural Standings

Novak
The Blue Bombers are in first place with a two-game lead over the Red Rebels. They have won 18 games and lost 5. Their average is .783. Penn Waugh is their captain.
The Red Rebels are striving for first with the Blue Bombers, but have slackened off lately. They have won 16 games and lost 7. Their average is .693. Charlie Nelson is their captain.
The White Warriors have come from fourth place to third. They have won 6 games and lost 17, their average is .260. Tom Braum is their captain.
The Black Panthers are tied with the White Warriors. They have won 6 games and lost 17, their average is .260. Steve Tatum is their captain.

7th Grade Intramural Standings

Noble
White Tigers: They have won eleven games and lost one to the Black Jacks. They have a .916 average. Their captain is David Thompson.
Blue Bandits: With Larry Herbert as captain they have won five and lost five. They have a .500 average, which puts them second.
Red Raiders: They have won four games and lost nine under Lou Bottiggi. They have a .333 and are tied for third.
Black Jacks: Under Howard Rhett they have won four and lost nine, and they are tied with the Red Raiders for third. They have a .333 average.
Howard Rhett

Freshman News

Recently the editor of the Freshman News received a letter from a frantic freshman member of Montgomery Bell Academy telling us of his problem.
Dear Editor,
I am having some trouble with my speaking ability. Everything I utter becomes serious discussion. My conversation is so far above the level of my classmates that I'm losing friends. What shall I do?
Hopeful B. D.
Dear B. D.,
Our advice for you is to remain the same dull person that you are. It's best that

and Windy Dixon will get their in the middle of February.

Pat Patrick, Lee Noel, Ed Anderson, and Hunter Husband have been elected to the Service Club. Congratulations to these outstanding boys.

Question of the month—Find integers x, y, z , and n , such that $xy + yz + zn = nx + y^2 + z^2$ if the cosine of a right angle is the derivative of the function $x = y$ at $v = 1$ and the square of the product of the other two sides is congruent to n .

Sports

In the world of sports the sophomores have come up with a crack J.V. basketball team. So far they have lost only two games and have pulled off with wins against Cohn, Peabody, B.G.A., North and others. The starting unit is composed of guards: Lee Noel and Hunter Husband; forwards: Rhes, Sumpter, Pat Woods, and Bob Ligon and center Ed Anderson. Others on the team are guards: Shull Morrison, Andy Harris, John Shapiro, and Tom Bailey; forwards: George Parrish, Paul Wells, Tom Weaver, and Bill Geny; and center Norman Carl.

Comments

Everyone, having enjoyed their vacation, met at school Wednesday with bags under their eyes, pain in their stomach, and a headache. Mr. Poston was so kind as to give us a nice test so we all love to get back to the routine we all love so much. It was truly a dreamy Wednesday on the campus.

Flash! Jack Judd has a statement to make about sadistic remarks made about him in last paper. He says that he did not pester out but only slowed down a bit.

Statements of the Week

"What did you make on your term paper?"

"What are you going to be when you graduate?"

"Wrestling is the laziest sport this winter."

"But Mrs. Sims, I don't see what is so much fun about flogging tests!"

Good-bye for now and see you next issue.

Matilda Mulberry

The Junior Class Times

Editors: Mike Brandon, Bill Harwell, John Stiffer
Class Back from Holidays to Face Exams!

On January the second, the M.B.A. Juniors, pent up and restless from their days of holiday inactivity, joyfully returned to the hallowed halls of their beloved school (with the notable exception of one Dewitt Clinton Thompson IV, who preferred another day of Florida sun to his teachers' smiling faces). Upon return, all were met with "welcome back" presents in the form of graded term papers. All, of course, were overjoyed at the sight of them. In fact, some juniors were actually seen with tears of joy in their eyes at the sight of the quaint red marks added by the thoughtful English teachers.

But best of all was the thought of things to come—such as exams. With this happy thought in mind, the juniors returned. (Oddly enough, as the days passed approaching exam time, certain noticeable changes took place in the stock market. For instance, there was a big boom in Midnight Oil, Inc.; everyone seemed to be buying it and burning it. Also popular were candles that burned at both ends.)

Class Project: Coal for Christmas
As reported earlier, the members of the Junior Class decided to undertake some worthwhile project to work on. A committee was formed, and after much deliberation, it was proposed that the class buy coal for needy families. The welfare bureau had reported that some of these people were in danger of freezing during the winter. The juniors decided that this was a worthy project and donated money to buy coal.

New Year's Resolutions
We thought you'd be interested to hear a few of the New Year's Resolutions made by juniors this year:

Matt Horner: "De parier francais beaucoup et tres bien."

Bill Branham: to make better grades.

Bill Fanning: to learn how to write.

Hanley Sayers: to find a purpose for poetry.

Rusty Davis: to replace Cotton Nash.

Clyde Merryman: to stop talking so much.

Allen Lentz: to be more like Apollo.

David Buttrely: to continue to be wonderful.

De Thompson: to get a nunan.

Mike Davis: to learn how to smile.

Hunt Davis: to appreciate Virgil more.

Tupper Morehead: He! He! Hee!!

Steve Trautman: to wear lead-nosed shoes.

Phil Husband: to stop growing.

Bill Browder: to lose his muffler.

All the juniors: to live, love, laugh, and be happy.

And now we come to the sad plight of one Hanley Sayers. Poor Hanley ordered a brand sparkling new car last summer. It has not yet come. Hanley is very proud of his car . . . that hasn't come.

He knows for sure that it has a stick shift and automatic trans-

mission—maybe both. He knows that the engine is the biggest one to be bought, unless it's the smallest.

At any rate, he'll be glad to give you a ride in it—if he gets it.

Of course, the biggest noise on the hill these days is De Thompson's trip to Florida.

For the benefit of those of you who are so far out of touch with what's going on in the world that you have to read this column to find out what's happening, it seems that Thompson had a date with Jackie for the Orange Bowl; since Miami is a considerable distance from Nashville, they made a four day trip out of the whole thing—accompanied by the rest of the Thompsons and an airplane. Those interested in going along on the next trip may sign up now for Thompson's Florida Sweepstakes Contest, to be held soon.

New Books in the Library
Any literary-minded students may be interested in some of the new books in the school library. Some of these are:

The Great Art of Wrestling, by Bill Fanning.

Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, by Webb Harwell.

I Was a Teen-age General, by Frank Greenlee.

What Freedom Means to Us, by Allen Lentz and De Thompson.

We would recommend any of these books to anyone who is interested in making a book-report in assembly.

Recently a number of juniors were asked the following question: "Who do you think will be elected President in 1964?" Some answers follow here:

John Stiffer: "Well, due to the probable changes in the American demand for certain governmental functions not heretofore predominant in the hyper-receptive conceptions of the average citizen of what semi-superficial demands must be met in order to regulate the sensitivity of the public in regard to any undue transition in various phases of the less prominent conglomerate assimilations of general anatomical procedure, I don't really know."

Bill Branham: "BARRY GOLD-WATER!!!"

Allen Lentz: "Ross Barnett."

Jimmy Baldwin: "BOB RA."

David Buttrely (modestly): "I WILL."

To round out this report, I thought it would be good to get the opinions of a few of the typical Juniors:

Agce: "Swell!"

Chilton: "What kind of motor does it have?"

Ezzell: "Mumble, mumble."

Elam: "I'll have to ask Bedford."

Bedford: "I'll have to ask Bedford."

Bedford: "I really care!"

Lentz: "Did somebody mention Health Club?"

Stiffer: "Maybe I'll come over to study all sometime."

Moody: "I'll never work."

Lowenthal: "Bang! I got you, Moody!"

Branham: "I didn't know we had a study hall!"

General Opinion: "Real cool idea!"

Senior News

We of the paper staff would like to congratulate the five seniors who were recently accorded M.B.A.'s highest honor, membership in Totomol. The new members are Tommy Corcoran, Johnny Glover, Frank Smithson, and John Stephens, join Jim Daniel and Ben Gambill. Also deserving mention are those boys who have recently been elected to membership in the Service Club (the old Key Club). They are, Bobby Sholars, Johnny Glover, Job Ledbetter, Paul Sloan and David Sumpter.

The Senior News column in the first issue was such a sensation that our editorial officers were flooded with letters of approval. Here are a few of the printable ones:

From Mrs. Lowry—Good, hard-hitting style; nice examples; good opening. I enjoyed reading it. . . . 74!

Miss Rodgers—Yes, it was nice, wasn't it. And we decided to leave it just the way it was.

Dr. Sager—That reminds me of a story we have about . . .

Mr. Carter—Well, my fifth cousin's grandmother was the editor of . . .

Now that exams are over, everyone is making plans for spring vacation. There follows a brief summary of what a few members of the incomparable Class of '63 plans for the holidays.

Jim Daniel will be given a guided tour through the Acme Boot Co. factory.

"Captain Ben" will spend his vacation searching for Frenchy.

Frenchy will spend her time looking for Ben.

Ben's friends anticipate spending theirs trying to keep the two from finding each other.

Smithson will put off his holiday 'til later.

Smithson will live off the fat of the land—or, rather, the generosity of his friends (both of them).

The Oxford Shop will spend its time looking for Smithson.

Clayton will spend his time thinking of new types of sarcasm so he can use them on Dr. Sager.

Dr. Sager intends a detailed study of the methods of the Marquis de Sade.

Mrs. Lowery will confer with Heale by the waters of Acheron.

We would like to make our first intimation of teachers' Superlatives.

Mr. Carter—Biggest . . . Relatively speaking.

Miss Rodgers—Superlative.

Mrs. Lowery—Most likely to imagine a hidden meaning in the superlative above.

Certain seniors are probing into the rumor that Mr. Carter's great grandfather was a traitor and a horse thief.

We point with pride to:

Mrs. Lowery's ability to read things in Shakespeare that Shakespeare couldn't read into Shakespeare.

The astonishing regularity with which our assembly speakers recount the Parable of the Talents.

The basketball team's 73-20 victory over North.

The Hi-Y basketball team's 41-10 victory over Donelson.

This column?

Brown's attendance record.

Those fine wrestlers, Sloan and Corcoran?

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Leisure—A Vast Wasteland

Wynn Williams

Late one night last winter, some friends and I went to a neighborhood bowling alley to do something which we all thought was fairly ridiculous but might be fun. We were going to bowl all night—from midnight until dawn. At first this escapade seemed like just another foolish idea, but what I observed at that bowling alley made a profound impression on me. We could not even get a lane; all thirty-six lanes were filled, many with whole families there to bowl all night. The place was filled with cigarette smoke, so thick that it burned my eyes, and the odor of stale beer. In the lobby small children darted around, drank cokes, watched the "late movies" on television, or tried to sleep, while their parents diligently rolled heavy black balls down long wooden ramps, in an attempt to knock over the red and white battle-scarred ten-pins. Thinking of this incident makes one wonder: "Just what will become of a nation whose people spend their leisure time in this way?"

Our nation is the most prosperous one in the world. Our great industries give our people more money and shorter working hours than those of any other country in the world. With all this leisure time, our people could do much to enrich their minds and thus attain a higher degree of understanding and learning.

Yet, what do the people of this nation do with their great quantity of leisure time? First of all they watch television. Men, women, and children sit for hours evening after evening (and during the day when possible in front of a little black box, watching our "great" American television shows. In the course of a day they will see cartoons, several violent cowboy and gangster shows, low-comedy, and perhaps an old horror picture to end a perfect day of "tele-viewing." When television gets boring, one can always go to see a good, bad motion picture. Our motion pictures today are filled with sex, perversion, crime, violence, and several other "good old" American qualities of entertainment. Then, for those who have the energy, there are our wonderful participation sports: golf, swimming, tennis, fishing, and bowling. At least these people, however, are getting some exercise. All these forms of recreation, even television, are good in their place. But the point is, that in none of them are the people required to think or in any way use their minds.

As you can see, our leisure time can and must be put to better uses, if our nation is to remain a leader in the world. There are many enjoyable ways in which people can spend their leisure, and at the same time be using their minds and learning something. The foremost of these is reading. By this I do not mean reading text books or deep, hard-to-understand books like *War and Peace* or Einstein's *Unified Field Theory*. There are millions of good books which are interesting and are not difficult to read. By reading such books as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, or *The Scarlet Letter*, one can get much enjoyment and learn something at the same time. Another constructive way to spend leisure hours is by having an intelligent conversation with one's friends. The subject can be anything from the United Nations to hunting; as long as one keeps an open mind to the views of others, one can always learn something through conversation. A third, and least effective, way to use the mind during leisure is by seeing good television shows and good motion pictures. Good television shows like "David Brinkley's Journal" and "White Paper" are becoming more numerous every day. There are a few good motion pictures and they are usually documentary like "We Will Bury You." This third method is not as good because it requires less real participation; therefore, it does not give one the same amount of mental exercise as do the other two methods. In all three of these methods, a person must desire to learn something and put forth effort, if he is to gain knowledge from the uses to which he puts his leisure. If the people of this country will begin now to spend their leisure time more wisely, our nation will remain as great as it is today; however, if we continue using our leisure as we do now, our bad practices will lead to the moral and mental downfall of America.

America: "Time's Fool"

John R. Glover, Jr.

Monstrous skyscrapers reach majestically to the heavens. Busy streets choked with masses of powerful automobiles crisscross far below. Wide blacktop highways span the nation. Huge factories turn out their products at unbelievable rates. Wealth, power, progress—these are America, the United States today. Thus we see that it is the products of her industries that tell the story of America.

Or is it? Is this not forgetting the most important part of the country: the people? Sure, the industries testify to the might, the skill, the scientific advancement of the United States. But the country is made of people, not just machines and factories. The real story of America is told not only by what the people can do, but mainly by what the people are. There is a time when the factories close and the people are not at work. And during this leisure time, the time when it is the feelings and desires of the people which motivate their actions, the true autobiography of the United States is written.

Now let us apply this critical view toward leisure time to the United States today. What do Americans do to pass their leisure time? There is a small—no, very small—portion of the people who consider their free time the perfect opportunity for improvement of some kind. Some of these absorb the bountiful knowledge found in literature and other educational matter; whereas others offer their services in caring for the sick and doing other charity work. This small minority of people has an admirable purpose attached to its leisure time: the betterment of mankind.

In striking contrast to these are the fun-lovers, or "happy-go-lucky" people. They fish, they hunt, they ski, they play. To them life is a playground, and their leisure time is one big play period. Of course, a certain amount of good, wholesome outdoor entertainment is necessary for a well-rounded life. But there are far too many people who habitually spend their leisure time entertaining themselves and enjoying the frivolous side of life.

Regrettably, there is evidence in America of a third group. Bright, flashing neon signs light night clubs in New York City. Gambling houses and burlesque theaters attract thousands of people to Reno, Nevada. Beer taverns and pool halls are found in just about every city in the United States. These institutions of vice and corruption play a large role in the story of America. Many people spend every bit of their free time in places such as these. They waste what little time they have on Earth for the detriment of mankind.

Industries and products may attain glory and prestige for America; Robert Frost and Ernest Hemingway may contribute greatly to the cultural reputation of America. Nevertheless, it is the gambling casinos and beer taverns that stick in the mind of the traveler in America. It is the inebriety and profligacy that he remembers best about the American people. The very people who invest their leisure time in corrupt and wasteful pursuits are the very ones who stand out in the story of America. And until Americans learn to spend their time on this world to the fullest possible advantage, the autobiography of the United States will continue to be written in red ink.

M.B.A. Cage Losses Marked By Narrow Defeats



Varsity Basketball

The M.B.A. basketball team has gotten off to a dismal start this year by losing fourteen of its first fifteen games. The Big Red lost its first five games by a total of only nine points. Two of the Maroon games have been lost in overtime, and no team has defeated the Big Red (with the exception of Franklin) by more than seven points.

The Maroon quintet has dropped games to arch-rivals B.G.A. and Hillsboro. Fighting the taller B.G.A. cagers down to the line, M.B.A. lost to the Wildcats by three points. Hitting almost 30% from the field against Hillsboro, the Big Red lost again, this time by six points. We have the material; why are we not hitting the basket and winning?

We have the most experienced and best shooting ball club M.B.A. has had in years. The Maroons took West, which is the number one ranked team in the 18th district, into overtime before losing. Ryan, which defeated powerful East, knocked off the Maroons by only one point. Ned Davis from Peabody, the N.I.L.'s top scorer could only manage twelve points against the powerful Maroon defense. The Big Red ran with fast-breaking Franklin for three quarters before falling off.

This difference between winning and losing is very small, as is shown by the scores of some of the games this year. This year's team has lost fourteen games, once one is in the habit of losing, winning comes hard. Were a little spark ignited, and this team would blossom into a great contender. All the squad needs is a better attitude and more support from the student body. True, our team has a miserable record this far; but remember, it is still our team.

Basketball Team Profiles

Ben Gambill—The co-captain of this year's squad. Ben is averaging nearly fifteen points a game. His play at guard has been one of the few bright spots on the team of this year.

Tom Scarborough—Gambill's running mate at guard and the co-captain of the team. An exceptional shot who is also the top defensive player on the team.

Phil Husband—A junior playing center. Phil's forte is rebounding, which he does with devastating success.

Johnny Reed—Senior forward, whose high arching shots are hurled at the boards from all court positions.

Lloyd MacAdams—Another senior forward who is the tallest man on the squad. Lloyd is a top rebounder and a set shot artist.

Touch of the Master's Hand

(Author Unknown)
'Twas battered, scarred and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin
But held it up with a smile.

"What am I hidden, good people," he cried
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"

"A dollar, a dollar! Now two, only two;
Two dollars and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice;
Going for three?" But no!
From the room far back a gray-haired man
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J. V. Basketball

Under the experienced hand of Coach Hank Duvier, the J. V. for the 1962-1963 basketball season is enjoying a good season. With its strong, seventeen man roster, the team has a six and two record. High scorer for the first eight games has been starting forward Rhea Sumpter with 60 points for a 7.5 game average. His other starting teammates consist of veteran guard Lee Noel, who recently was moved up to the Varsity, guard Hunter Husband, another recent member of the Varsity, forward Pat Woods, and Ed Anderson at the center position. This team is backed up by Bill Geny, Tom Weaver, Joel Parrish, Norman Carl, John Shapiro, Andy Harris, Tom Bailey, Shull Morrison, Bill Olson, Paul Wells, and Bob Ligon, who was also moved up to the Varsity.

M.B.A. 36—Cohn 18

The opening game for this year's J. V. was played at Curry Gymnasium before the usual Varsity game. Cohn came into the game with two games of experience, but his zone was not strong enough; for the J.V. out scored them two to one. The high scorers were Sumpter and Noel with ten each and Woods with seven.

M.B.A. 31—Ryan 43

M.B.A. lost its second game at the small Ryan gym. The Red made a bad showing and fouled the Panthers a great deal. These fouls cost the Big Red the game because Ryan was red hot from the foul line.

M.B.A. 33—West 33

The J.V. lost its second game at Curry Gymnasium on December 11 to a good outside shooting team, West. Husband was high scorer with eight points followed closely by Sumpter and Noel both with seven.

M.B.A. 47—T.P.S. 29

M.B.A. went to T.P.S. on December 17. Under scoring leaders Ligon and Woods each with 10 points, the J.V. ran an easy victory.

M.B.A. 50—B.G.A. 43

The Big Red was beginning to come back strong until they met a tough B.G.A. team. The game was a close one until late in the fourth quarter when the Big Red began to roll. This last minute effort made M.B.A. the victor. Rhea Sumpter was the high scorer with 14 points.

M.B.A. 43—Peabody 23

For the last game of 1962, the J.V. went to the extremely small gym of Peabody. After a slow first half, M.B.A. came to out play Peabody and take the victory by a comfortable twenty points. Center Ed Anderson was the top scorer with ten points.

M.B.A. 44—North 21

The Big Red had a slow first quarter but after they decided to settle down, they overcame North with the scoring of Husband and Sumpter.

M.B.A. 25—Peabody 22

The J.V. played Peabody for the second time at the M.B.A. gym on January 4. Behind all the game, M.B.A. tied Peabody and finally went ahead for the win.

THE MBA WRESTLING TEAM



Wrestling

This year's wrestling team, due to a late start because of a football bowl game, lost its first match to B.G.A. Paul Sloan and Fred Billings, along with the exhibition matches, were the only bright spots of the day. Sloan, the captain, pinned his man in the beginning of the second period, while Billings won his match by decision.

Because of the extremely poor showing in the first match, the matmen can do nothing but improve. The coaches this year are Holt Smith, a senior at Vanderbilt and a graduate of St. Andrews in Sewanee, and Pete Sullivan, also a student at Vanderbilt and a graduate of Choate preparatory school in Connecticut. De Thompson, an able wrestler injured his shoulder in practice and missed the first match. This year's team is backed by many boys with experience.

The boys who wrestled in the first match were, Cleve Earls, Bobby Sholars, Bill Berry, Tupper Morehead, and Bruce Orman. The above boys wrestled in exhibition. The regulars were, 96 lb. John Billings; 103 lb. Duke Elam; 112 lb. Jay Bramum; 119 lb. Bill Fanning; 127 lb. Roy Elam; 133 lb. Jim Ezell; 136 lb. Leslie Bedford; 147 lb. Paul Sloan; 154 lb. Tommy Corcoran; 166 lb. Fred Billings; 183 lb. Frank Smithson; and in the unlimited class, Clifton Sobel.

In the Next Issue of the Bell Ringer—

"Who is Tampering With the
The Soul of America?"



The Rainbow's Bitter End

Roger Brown

"All that glitters is not gold."—CERVANTES

The tiny shower was over and the little girl and her mother had come outside to enjoy the soft May sunshine. Above them, warm and lovely against the damp sky, was a rainbow, its muted colors majestically spanning the horizons. The little child, her blue eyes very intent and her blonde hair very gay in the bright sun, cocked her small head and looked longingly at the sweep of its beauty.

"Is there really gold at its end, Mommy?" she asked, her darling innocence dying to believe.

"Yes, sweetheart," answered her mother. "A whole pot of beautiful, shining gold."

Wonder filled the child's bright eyes. She knew what her mother said must be true. The very beauty of the rainbow itself showed her this truth. But she was wrong. There was nothing of value at the end of the rainbow; nothing. Only a misty void, colorless and cold. The child believed in the value of the worthless, and many other people have believed as she did. Philip Carey, the major character of *Of Human Bondage* by W. Somerset Maugham, was one of these believers.

When Philip was a young man, perhaps twenty years of age, he decided that his talent, his happiness, and his life's work lay in art. He knew that he belonged in the world of art and that he must paint to be happy. For this reason he went to Paris and began a serious study of painting. At first he was very happy; he met people whom he liked and was optimistic about his future. But Philip Carey's dream was false. Although it took him a long time, he finally realized that neither happiness nor success could ever be his in the field of art. This realization had been slow to come. In fact Philip had spent two years of his life in a vain pursuit of a career which was nothing that it had seemed.

Although Philip Carey was but one person, the trap into which he fell is not reserved for the single individual, while nations have been similarly snared. The citizens of modern Cuba are a perfect example of this fact. Lured and blinded by "fool's gold," they have fallen into a trap of their own making.

For many years the Cubans had been a basically happy people. Their little island had a pleasant climate and the trade of the tourists had made it prosperous. There was only one thing which troubled them; they were ruled by a ruthless dictator, Fulgencio Batista. They hated and despised him, and their one great desire was to be free from his power.

For this reason they supported a revolution led by Fidel Castro. This revolt was to them a wonderful blessing, but in truth it became a curse. The people had only traded one dictator for another, and Castro proved to be much worse than Batista had ever been. Since this revolution their tiny island has been in constant difficulty, both economically and politically. All these troubles have been a direct result of the revolution, the glorious revolution.

Both this misjudgment of the unfortunate Cubans and the one of Philip Carey are perfect examples of an undeniable truth—things are not always as they seem. Everything which appears to be wonderful is not always so. As Melville says in *Moby Dick* when referring to a captain named Derick who, believing himself to be chasing a Sperm Whale, madly pursued a Fin-Back which resembles the Sperm in the appearance of its spout only. "Oh! many are the Fin-Backs, and many are the Dericks, my friend."

The Observer

Mike King

"Who shuts his eyes when he should watchful be need never hope from God prosperity!" In Homer's immortal epic *The Odyssey*, Odysseus and his men were held captive in a cave by a one-eyed giant named Polyphemus. One day the hero devised a plan whereby they might escape. When the giant took a nap that afternoon, Odysseus and four of his men plunged a sharpened wood shaft into the eye of Polyphemus, thus extinguishing its glowing, tormenting flame. The unsuspecting giant closed his eye and slept; little did he suspect that he would never again be able to see.

Odysseus and his men succeeded in obtaining their freedom because they sought an opportunity to gain it, and when the opportunity arrived, they took advantage of it. Polyphemus closed his eye and slept. He slept and he lost his most precious possession—his window to the world. His blindness also decreased his chances of prosperity.

In order to succeed in anything that one undertakes, he must be alert; he must be observant so that he can make use of opportunities as Odysseus did. In the world today, the leaders of each powerful nation must observe those of the other nations carefully. The citizens of the smaller nations look for guidance to the two K's, President Kennedy and Chairman Khrushchev. The former must keep the latter under constant surveillance in order to avoid World War III.

Another situation in which alertness is necessary is the ever-present danger of Communism in America. The people of our great democracy must be on guard at all times to keep members of the Communist party from infiltrating this country and from promoting their beliefs in socialism.

The quotation applies in the classroom. A student, no matter how greatly he may be gifted mentally, cannot expect to excel in a course without taking notes on class discussions and without paying attention to lectures made by the teacher. Most instructors include material which is not in the textbook on examinations.

A third application of the quotation, which is not familiar to most Montgomery Bell students, is the value of alertness in the world of business. Someone who works at an occupation such as selling, buying or other competitive job must be observant. The contractor who does not know that the use of a certain product would enable him to bid less for a job often finds himself without the contract or a job. Likewise the salesman who does not know how his product is made or what good the product will do for the consumer is frequently refused by the client.

After Ludwig von Beethoven became deaf, he gave up all hope of ever creating music again. However, one afternoon while he was walking through the woods of Vienna, he "heard" with his eyes the beautiful songs of the birds. Beethoven translated this natural scene into a flowing symphony. He had accomplished the impossible: for a deaf person to write such a symphony was almost as miraculous as for a blind person to paint a portrait with colors that he could not see to blend. By remaining visually alert, Beethoven escaped his prison of silence and wrote music that will be remembered long after Devil's Island has returned to the sea. Humanity can learn a great lesson from men such as Beethoven: if a person is awake, alert, and observant, and if he puts his observations to the proper use, that person will surely, with His help, prosper.



Personalities



The BELL RINGER is pleased to announce that Mr. James C. Rule has been selected as teacher of the month.

Mr. Rule was born and raised in Sevierville, Tennessee. He attended high school at Chilhowee Institute and college at Carson-Newman. In both high school and college he proved himself a fine athlete, excelling in all major sports. During summers he worked at odd jobs to earn money, including selling magazines, working in a Detroit automobile factory, and working in the Oklahoma wheat fields to get in shape for football.

Upon his graduation from college, he moved to Erwin, Tennessee, where he became the assistant principal and mathematics teacher of Erwin High School. He resigned from this position to become editor and part owner of the local newspaper *The Erwin Observer*. After 3 years at this position, he sold out to his partner and accepted the job as field secretary for the American Technical Society. He rapidly advanced in this organization and took over Southern management. This job required extensive travel which forced him to be away from his family much of the time, so at the suggestion of his brother, a Nashville sportswriter, he decided to move his family from Erwin to Nashville and go back to teaching school. Here he attended Peabody where he earned his Master of Arts degree; and then in 1944 he came to M.B.A., where he has served ever since as a mathematics teacher and tennis instructor.

Mr. Rule's wife is in charge of the school cafeteria. They have two grown children, Jim and Nancy. Jim is enrolled in the Berghoff School of Acting in New York and plans to go into the theatre. Nancy is attending New York University where she is working toward a Ph.D. in psychology.

In addition to teaching at M.B.A., Mr. Rule also teaches at the University of Tennessee Night School.

Mr. Rule's teaching ability combined with his marvelous sense of humor have made him an asset to the school, and it is with a deep sense of appreciation that we choose him as personality of the month.



The staff of The BELL RINGER is proud to announce the selection of Mrs. Virginia Patterson as a Personality of the Month.

Mrs. Patterson was born in Nashville and has lived in Middle Tennessee most of her life. She attended Glenn Grammar School and East High School where she was consistently on the Honor Roll. Following graduation from high school she entered Watkins Business College, there she studied secretarial work.

Upon graduation from Watkins, she took her first position with the firm of Nashville Stationery Company. She held a secretarial job there for two and a half years. Next, she began work at the downtown office of the First American National Bank. During her stay at the bank, she was married in January of 1942. Since her husband was in the armed forces in World War II, she left Nashville to live in Chicago for three months and Philadelphia, also for three months. When she returned to Nashville, Mr. John Ferguson, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees at M.B.A., asked her to help with the secretarial work at the school for a month. Having worked for Mr. Ferguson in the discount office of the First American National Bank, she accepted. The job has run quite longer than a month since Mrs. Patterson has been at M.B.A. ever since she first took the job in 1943, except for a short period when she entered business.

She lives in Madison and commutes daily to her work here at M.B.A. The proud mother of two children, she has a boy in the sixth grade at Stratton Elementary School and a daughter who is a freshman at Madison High School. She also attends Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Her favorite hobbies include cooking, playing bridge, and fishing. She also enjoys her work at M.B.A.; however, above all she says she enjoys fishing.

The entire student body at M.B.A. wishes to salute Mrs. Patterson for the fine work which she has done and is certain to continue in 1963.

Dan Eastle



This, the second issue of The BELL RINGER, is proud to salute Bill Oakley as Personality of the Month.

Bill came to M.B.A. in the seventh grade from Julia Green. He left an outstanding record in the grade school, being elected president of his home room. Bill then received the seventh grade French medal, was a member of the Jr. Society in both the eighth and the ninth grades and served on the Microbe football team.

As a freshman, Bill served as treasurer of his class and was a member of the freshman football squad. In his sophomore year, he joined the Hi-Y Club and played J.V. football.

During his junior year, Bill was elected to the Senior Honor Society and served as assistant editor of The BELL RINGER. He also served as a member of the spring and fall track teams.

This year, as a senior, Bill has already shown his remarkable abilities in every field. His popularity among his classmates was shown by his election as treasurer of the senior class. Most of Bill's spare time is taken up by his duties as Editor of this year's BELL RINGER, the first edition of which was perhaps the best in the history of the school. Bill was selected to represent M.B.A. in a city-wide contest as the most outstanding student representative of student life.

Bill also excels off campus, serving as treasurer of Delta Sigma Fraternity and of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Senior Department.

Lee McKnight

Mike Brandon



The staff of the BELL RINGER is pleased to announce Miss Rose Mary Rodgers as Teacher of the Month. Miss Rodgers teaches Eighth Grade Word Wealth, Spanish I, and English III. Although she has been at M.B.A. for only a year, her ability as a teacher is held in high regard by students and faculty alike.

Before coming to M.B.A., Miss Rodgers obtained extensive background for her teaching career. She first attended the University of Texas where she majored in English. Later she travelled throughout Mexico, an invaluable aid in the teaching of Spanish. In 1959 she came to Nashville and attended Vanderbilt University. There she received her Master of Arts degree in teaching.

In addition to teaching, Miss Rodgers has many outside interests. She is an accomplished swimmer and diver and has participated in several meets. On warm summer afternoons she can be seen skinning across the calm waters of Old Hickory Lake. Out of the water, she dabbles at painting, plays an occasional Mozart Concerto on the piano, and discusses works of written art as a member of a local literary club. She hopes soon to transfer her skiing ability to snow-covered slopes and her musical ability to the guitar.

Miss Rodgers' warm smile, vital interest in her students and teaching ability have made her a friend to all on the campus. It is proudly, then, that we designate Miss Rose Mary Rodgers as Teacher of the Month.



THE BELL RINGER is proud to announce that Tom Scarbrough has been selected as a Personality of the Month. Tom has proven himself a student leader and an all-round athlete for M.B.A.

Since coming to M.B.A. from Burton School as a freshman, Tom has made an outstanding record. In his first year on the hill, Tom was elected by his classmates to the Honor Council. In his sophomore year, he was elected to the vice-presidency of his class. Tom was the treasurer of the Junior class, and this year he is the vice-president of the Honor Council. As a sophomore, Tom was elected to the Key Club, and in his senior year joined the Hi-Y Club. He is also on the sports staff of THE BELL RINGER.

Tom is perhaps the finest all-around athlete in M.B.A. In the ninth grade he played freshman football, freshman basketball, and Varsity track. His excellent quarterbacking of this year's football team earned him a berth on the All-City second team.

Tom is a member of Glendale Methodist Church and is a Sentinel in the Delta Sigma fraternity. His leadership and athletic ability make him a tremendous asset to M.B.A. It is with pride that we salute Tom Scarbrough—Personality of the Month.

Allen Lentz

TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S . . .

(Continued from page 3)

Came forward and picked up the bow
Then wiping the dust from the old violin

And tightening up the strings—
As sweet as the angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer

With a voice that was quiet and low
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"

And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?"

"Two thousand and who'll make it three?"

"Three thousand once, three thousand twice,

And going and gone," said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,

"What changed its worth?"

Swift came the reply,

"The touch of the Master's Hand."

And many a man with a life out of tune

And battered and torn with sin

Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd

Much like the old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,

A game and he travels on

He is going once, and going twice

He is going and almost gone.

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd

Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul, and the change that's wrought

By the touch of the Master's Hand.



The Sports Staff reprints here an editorial written by Billy Crawford. Billy, the Nashville Interscholastic League's most valuable and All-City football player, conveys the vision of participation in athletics so well that we consider ourselves honored to reproduce this work.

I PLAY BECAUSE . . .

The thrill one feels in victory and the bitterness which accompanies defeat; a chance to scrap for something one believes in; the opportunity to satisfy a person's most severe critic—himself; the right to set one's mark high and then to claw to obtain that personal goal; that independent sensation which only an athlete can feel just before a kickoff, a starter's gun, or a tip-off, when Mom and Dad are in the stands, Coach is on the bench, God is in Heaven, and everyone on the field is alone; the privilege to consider oneself important because everyone in athletics is important; one's dreams which are shared only with his own heart; the companionship of men who work with boys and of boys who fight as men; the chance one has to mingle with people either more or less fortunate than he and to feel neither superior nor inferior toward these people; finally, either the disappointment or the happiness which comes from knowing that one has received from athletics exactly what he himself put into them . . . in the river of values which a person can receive from athletics, these are but a few drops.

Billy Crawford



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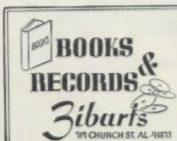
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